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Rosary Rally Saturday 31st of October: Happening Island wide. Southwark Diocese which our church is part of will be praying the rosary between 3-4pm. Will you be able to take part for the well being of our country to be free from the pandemic. If you can't join in this time you can pray a rosary anytime during the day. Let us as one people call on the mother of the Lord, let us use the weapon of the rosary against the torments of the devil, and call on the Lord to help us through these trials.

St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford: The major seminary for the South of England trained priests for the last 130 years, is to close next year. This is where Fr Neil completed his training for the priesthood. After the top year (6th year) students are ordained deacons next year. The students in the rest of the years will be going to Allen Hall located in Chelsea from the next academic year. Please keep the staff and students of the seminary in your prayers.

Confirmations 2020: The dates have been set for Thursday 12th of Nov, Friday 13th of Nov, at 7:30pm and Sat 14th of Nov at 6:00pm and Sunday 15th of November at the 6:00pm Mass. Please note that at all Masses will be for two candidates and their families. They will only be able to bring 15 people, including the parents and candidates. We are in touch with the families regarding arrangements.

"MISSIO APPEAL: Would all Red Box holders please return their boxes to the church if it is safe for them to do so. Because of the present pandemic though, it would be greatly appreciated if donations could be made by cheque, payable to A.P.F. Thank you. John Lyons"

Sunday Missals: The new CTS Sunday missal for 2021 is now published for £7.95. Which can be used from the first Sunday of advent which falls on the 29th of November. There is also the hardback missal at £19.95 which contains all the Sunday readings beyond 2021. If you would like us to purchase a copy for you, please give your names to either Fr Neil or Gill.

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Newsletter 25th October 2020 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Exodus 20:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40
Responsorial Psalm: *I love you Lord my strength*
Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Open our heart O'Lord, to accept the words of your son. Alleluia.**
Next week's :Malachi 1:14-2.2.8-10; 1Thessalonians 2:7-9.13; Matthew 23:1-12



I was really touched by your phone calls, greeting cards and those who were kind enough to do some shopping for me, and also those who bought me food. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. What was 10 days of isolation was spent mainly on the phone with Public Health England, and all the people I came into close contact with, to see how they were. Then with the constant stream of calls from family, parishioners, and fellow clergy. All made me think how fortunate I am to have such a caring group of people. The 10 days just whizzed past by. There is always work to be done, so I was keen to get the leak above the hall roof looked at. I also bought some liturgical items for the church. So, the days went by quickly and now it is a time to think of the liturgical celebrations for the rest of the year. We think of the faithful departed in November and then get ready for the next liturgical year with Advent just around the corner and the feast of Christmas. Let us ask the Lord to be with us and help us celebrate the seasons well, despite the restrictions in place. Let us do all that we can to help each other by taking all the precautions necessary so that we will be risk free.

Then we come to that all-important interview with Pope Francis, which caused a stir in the catholic church and the world over, last Wednesday. The press interpreted what the pope said as supporting same sex union. Opinion is divided over this. And there is still clarification yet to be given by the Vatican. Most people however are keen to point out that the pope was emphasising what the catholic church has always taught that the LGBT people are to be

respected, loved, and protected. The pope was keen to stress that families be careful that they do not reject LGBT people. He was also concerned that in civil law too, they be protected. So that they, for example, can have a right of visit in hospital when there is no family. He could never say that these unions are as same as marriage, as the catholic church has always taught that marriage is between man and woman. Let us pray for the pope and church, so that always we may be led by clear teaching, with respect and love for all. God bless. Fr Neil.

Mass Times & Intentions – Weekday services and 11am Sunday livestreamed via the internet	
Sunday 25 th October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (11am will be livestreamed)	9:0am - Stephen Foster RIP 11:00am – Kerry Wheeldon RIP 6:00pm – People of the Parish
Monday 26 th October <i>Saints Chad and Cedd, Bishops</i>	10:00am - Holy Mass - Thomas Buffini RIP
Tuesday 27 th October <i>Feria</i>	10:00am - Holy Mass – Gill Hanson wellbeing
Wednesday 28 th October <i>Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	10:00am - Holy Mass – Mary & Tommy Buffini RIP
Thursday 29 th October <i>Feria</i>	10:00am – Holy Mass – Peggy & Eamon Buffini RIP
Friday 30 th of October <i>Feria</i>	10:00am – Holy Mass – Fr Neil’s Intention
Saturday 31 st October <i>Our Lady</i>	09:00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am – Holy Mass -Gill Hanson wellbeing
Sunday 1 st November All Saints Day (11am will be livestreamed))	9:00am - Holy Mass - Josh Vincent Int 11:00am – Holy Mass – No Intention 6:00pm – Holy Mass - People of the Parish

11th of Oct 100 Club: £20 – No: 70 V Holding; £10 – No. 78 – C Mcloughlin
18th of Oct 100 Club: £20 – No: 22 C Brown; £10 – No. 37 – J Meehan

November the month of the Holy Souls: There are envelopes out for you to place the names of the faithful departed of your family and friends. These envelopes will then be placed on the altar during Mass.

One of the ways we could help the Holy Souls is to offer Mass for the repose of their souls. If you would like to do this, please fill in envelope and place your donation and state when you would like Mass to be offered and put it in the collection bucket or hand them to Fr Neil.

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Gill Hanson, John Endicott, Maria Fletcher, Patricia Rolf and all who are shielding and are isolating at this difficult time.

If you would like any of your relatives or friends to be included in this list, please let me know. This list is also for our prayers, so please take a name or two from this list and include them in your daily prayers.

Westminster Cathedral Choir School: Is always looking for special talents. Boys usually join the school in year 4. They are taught a wonderful repertoire of music and to play two instruments. Interested parents can visit to view the school and help nurture your child’s talents. Further information from Lucy Auger 0207 7798 9081. Email: lauger@choirschool.com

Readers required: With some of our readers still shielding, we are low in numbers for readers. If you would like to help as a reader, please can you let Fr Neil know, with the details of which Mass time you would like to read.

The Bible Timeline Course: A world famous catholic course streamed free. Starting Wednesday 4th Nov at 7:00pm. For registration and further details the website is www.comeandsee.org

Can families help those who are elderly or struggling with technology to help them by showing how to access resources on the internet. As increasingly churches are having online groups, and it will be wonderful as many as possible can access these facilities.

Any Mass offerings and 100 club payments you wish to make can be posted through Presbytery door or handed in when at Church or paid through bank.

Can you please mark envelopes and bank transfers clearly as to what the payment is for, remembering to put G A and number on if you know it for Mass offerings if you are a member of Gift Aid. Mass Intentions can also be booked by phone or posted through door. Take care and keep safe.